whether the Government have taken any decision on the representation made by the non-teaching staff in Secondary Schools of Madurai district as regards revision of pay scales and service conditions?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The matter is still under consideration.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : The representation was given long ago. Will the Hon. Minister at least tell us whether the important representations were considered?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : It means financial commitment and so it takes some time. It is easy to say 'No', but Government are considering it.

Library donated by the President of India at Tiruthani

* 219 Q.—SRI N. V. NATARAJAN : (on behalf of Dr. T. V. Sivanandam) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Library donated by the President of India at Tiruthani was damaged during anti-Hindi agitation;

(b) if so, the extent of damage caused to the Library;

(c) the steps taken by the Government against those who caused the damages; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to repair the damages?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) Yes.

(b) a few almirahs, several books, an ornamental glass and two marble tablets were damaged. The damage has been estimated at Rs. 8,000.

(c) Those who had committed the mischief were prosecuted. They were convicted by the Sub-divisional Magistrate, Poonamalee, and sentenced to undergo rigorous imprisonment for three months.

(d) The damages have been repaired by Sri Subramanyaswami Devasthanam, Tiruthani.

Labourers employed in the Textile Mills of Coimbatore district.

* 220 Q.—DR. H. V. HANDE (on behalf of Dr. T. V. Sivanandam) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) the total number of labourers employed in the textile mills in Coimbatore district;

(b) the total number of labourers thrown out of job from the textile mills on account of accumulated yarn stocks in the mills in Coimbatore district; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to rehabilitate these temporarily displaced textile workers ?